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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Woman Arrested on Charges of Smuggling US Space Technology

(U) A California woman was arrested yesterday on federal charges of conspiring to procure and illegally export sensitive space communications technology to her native China, the US Justice Department said in a statement. Si Chen, also known as Cathy Chen, 32, could face a prison term of up to 150 years if convicted of all charges contained in the 14-count indictment returned against her by a federal grand jury on 27 April. Chen is accused of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, which controls the export of certain goods and technology from the United States. She also is accused of smuggling devices typically used in space communications applications.

SOURCE: 23 May 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – No Plans to Change Security Measures after Manchester Attack

(U) Washington - After Monday's bombing that killed 23 people and injured 59 others at a concert in Manchester, England, there are no plans to make significant security changes in the United States, according to a DHS official. The official said that the federal security posture in the US is already at high levels and that there is not much more to be done in the aftermath of the attack. The FBI held a call yesterday afternoon with the heads of FBI field offices nationwide and leaders from state and local law enforcement agencies across the country to lay out what it knows so far about the Manchester attack and to urge vigilance. FBI made clear that while the agency is not aware of a specific, credible threat to the US homeland, authorities must remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the FBI or other appropriate authorities.

SOURCE: 23 May 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Minnesota – Target to Pay \$18.5 Million in Security Breach Settlement

(U) Minneapolis - Target will pay \$18.5 million to 47 states and the District of Columbia as part of a settlement with state attorneys general over a huge security breach that compromised the data of millions of customers. The settlement ends a years long investigation into how hackers obtained names, credit card numbers and other information about tens of millions of people in 2013. New York will receive \$635,000, while California will receive \$1.4 million, the largest amount of any state, according to New York's attorney general. In a statement, Target said that it was pleased to have resolved the issue. Target has spent \$202 million on legal fees and other costs since the breach, according to the company's most recent annual statement.

SOURCE: 23 May 2017, [NY Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Pakistan – Militant Behind Multiple Terror Hits Arrested

(U) Quetta – Pakistani officials have arrested the mastermind behind several attacks that killed scores of people in the restive southwest, including a devastating blast targeting lawyers in the city of Quetta last year. Officials in the Balochistan province released video showing the confession of the alleged militant, named as Saeed Ahmad Badini, a former student in his early thirties. Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar, spokesman for the provincial government, told reporters in Quetta that Badini had confessed to the bomb blast targeting the city's lawyers as they gathered at a hospital in August 2016. More than 70 people were killed. Badini also admitted an attack on a police training college in Quetta last year which killed more than 60 people, and on a Sufi shrine which killed 52.

SOURCE: 23 May 2017, [Yahoo News Australia](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Three Arrested as Threat Level Raised

(U) Manchester – The United Kingdom raised its terrorism threat level to critical—the highest level—for the first time in a decade. Prime Minister Theresa May warned that intelligence services believe an attack may be imminent. The raising of the threat level means not only that another attack remains highly likely but that a further attack may be imminent, she said. Police identified 22-year-old Salman Abedi as the suspected suicide attacker. Abedi is believed to have traveled to Syria and had proven links with ISIS. Police have conducted a series of raids since the attack and arrested three men in south Manchester on 23 May. Another 23-year-old man was arrested on 22 May.

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